

Spark Gap

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HR 607 "Needs to Be Amended"

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The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) -- a federation of more than a dozen public safety communications organizations -- has gone on record as sharing the ARRL's concerns regarding HR 607, the *Broadband for First Responders' Act of 2011*. The ARRL is actively opposing the legislation in its current form because Section 207(d) of the bill -- introduced in the US House of Representatives by Representative Peter King (R-NY-3) -- calls for the reallocation of 420-440 MHz for commercial auction. The ARRL, which is a member of the NPSTC Governing Board, has assured NPSTC members that its opposition is limited to Section 207(d) and that it supports the underlying objective of the legislation, which is to provide spectrum near 700 MHz for a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network.

Writing to ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, and ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, on March 8, NPSTC Chair Ralph Haller said: "We want to let you know that NPSTC's Governing Board understands your serious concerns about Section 207 of this Act, and we share those concerns." While reiterating NPSTC's support for the remainder of the Act, Haller said: "NPSTC is very concerned about Section 207(d) of the Act and believes that the section needs to be amended to address the concerns of public safety and the Amateur Radio users." See a copy of the letter below.

Commenting on Haller's letter, Sumner said that "it is gratifying to have the support of the NPSTC Governing Board in our effort to remove this provision from Rep King's bill. Once our concerns have been satisfied, we hope Congress will proceed quickly to complete work on providing our First Responders with this important facility."

It is very important that all Amateur Radio operators contact their congressional representatives as soon as possible. More information about this bill can be found in the ARRL web site: www.arrl.org.

Hoosiers Lead the Way in Largest Midwest Earthquake Drill Ever

INDIANAPOLIS – The Great Central U.S. Shakeout, an earthquake drill in April involving 11 states, has surpassed the 1 million mark for registered participants. More than 320,000 of those are from Indiana, more than any other state.

To sign up and find out more, go to www.in.gov/dhs/shakeout.htm.

This is the largest simultaneous earthquake drill ever held in Indiana or on a regional basis.

More people are signing up every day to take part in the central U.S. earthquake drill where participants will simultaneously practice the recommended earthquake safety actions – Drop, Cover and Hold-On:

- **DROP** to the ground
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD-ON** to it until the shaking stops

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut will be held in Indiana at 10:15 a.m. EDT (9:15 a.m. CDT) on April 19, 2011 (April 28 in other states).

The recent M9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan serves as a reminder that earthquakes can happen any time, and can have devastating and far-reaching effects.

With scientists estimating that there is a high probability of a damaging earthquake occurring in the central U.S. within the next 50 years, the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is designed to help individuals and communities in the region get ready for damaging earthquakes, practice how to protect themselves, and learn how to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

This Drop, Cover and Hold-On drill is free and open to the general public, and will take place in communities throughout Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has partnered with the Indiana Department of Education and Indiana Geological Survey to inform Hoosiers about the drill and encourage everyone, including schools, businesses and communities, to pledge their participation at www.shakeout.org/centralus or www.in.gov/dhs/shakeout.htm. More information about the ShakeOut, and earthquake preparedness resources are available on these websites as well.

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is being coordinated by the Central US Earthquake Consortium and its member and associate states, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey and dozens of other partners.

From the President:

The spring storm season is rapidly approaching, so it is time to make sure we are prepared for the likelihood of severe storms, tornados, hail, wind, etc. We were fortunate last year that we had a very mild storm season, but we can't become complacent. It would be a good idea, in light of the Japan earthquake, to remember that we are near earthquake zones here as well. Even though earthquakes in Indiana are normally rare and mild, a major earthquake here is not an impossibility.

Along with checking smoke alarm batteries during semi-annual clock changes, it would be a good idea to check all your portable radio equipment, power sources, batteries, etc. Also keep a supply of water, food, supplies, BC radio or TV in a storm safe area at home. The winter storm was a good "drill", as most of us scrambled to assemble things we thought might be needed. That should be standard operating procedure for all seasons. I still have an "emergency supply" of canned Vienna sausages, crackers, and beer. You never know when it might come in handy, but don't forget to rotate the stock periodically (especially the beer).

----Steve K9DY



Sad news for MARC members. Paul Hudson Hise-AA9GY passed away February 27, 2011 while in a Hospice in Columbus. Anyone who knew Paul very long quickly realized he loved the sea, people and amateur radio. He earned his Extra Class license in February 2003 and became a member of MARC. From that point on he worked in the background to help build the club. Paul established the History Page on the club's website. During the past seven years he assembled the facts on the clubs history and restored a library of pictures to make it one of the best archive sites anywhere.

Paul was always first to step forward when hams were needed for a public service event. He participated in Mid-State ARC events and in Red Cross events as well. He often opened his wallet and made major contributions to the club coffers during lean times. Time and again Paul helped to man flea market booths selling personal and donated club equipment. Those proceeds always went back to the club.

Paul was a gentlemen's, gentleman. He always had a kind word for anyone he met. Paul was born and raised in Georgetown, Indiana. After graduating from high school he served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve, serving during the Korean War and the Cold War from 1952-1965.

Paul was retired from Waterway Communications System and American Commercial Barge Line Company. In retirement he and his wife, Mary, worked as global volunteers in China, Indonesia, Mexico and Hawaii.

In lieu of flowers MARC made a contribution to the Franklin United Methodist Community. At the age of 72, Paul Hise-AA9GY is, SK.

Bio and photos by Jack W8ISH



Paul at the MARC fall picnic 2010

THE SPRING STORM SEASON

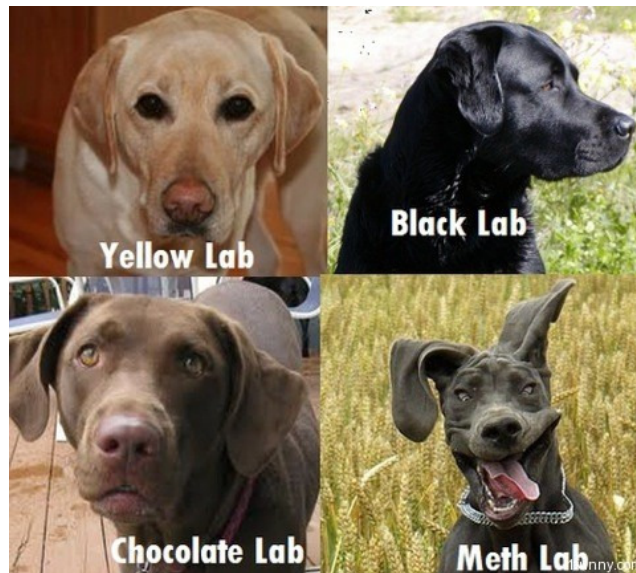
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If you haven't paid your MARC membership dues please make payment at the March meeting.

Thank You



What a Meth Lab looks like

USS Yorktown underway, circa mid-1943



USS Yorktown back on the air!

-Fred Hambrecht W4JLE/NNN0AAG-

On May 14, 2011 the call sign NWKJ will be heard on the airwaves for the first time in forty one years. Yorktown will be activated by South Carolina Navy Marine Corp MARS members as well as operators from other states in Region Four for the annual military cross band test. Yorktown has been the site for WA4USN on the amateur bands under the auspices of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society; however this will be the first use of Yorktown's military call since its decommissioning. It required that Yorktown be relisted in ACP 113 to allow the use of the "Fighting lady's" military call on military frequencies.

The amateur frequencies being listened to will be announced by the operators on the frequencies listed below. QSL cards will be sent to all contacts.

Yorktown will be operating on the following frequencies:

USS YORKTOWN (CV-10) (14 MAY 1200Z - 15 MAY 0400Z)

FREQUENCY EMISSION AMATEUR BAND

4010.0 KHZ LSB 80M

7348.0 KHZ LSB 40M

14478.5 KHZ USB 20M

20994.0 KHZ USB 15M

POC: Fred Hambrecht NNN0GBS

ADDRESS: 129 Indian Trace Court

Gilbert, SC 29054

COMMERCIAL: 803-657-3602

The USS Yorktown (CV-10) was the tenth aircraft carrier to serve in the United States Navy. Under construction as Bon Homme Richard, this new Essex-class carrier was renamed Yorktown in honor of Yorktown (CV-5), sunk at the epic Battle of Midway (June 1942). Built in an amazing 16 ½ months at Newport News, Virginia, Yorktown was commissioned on April 15, 1943. Yorktown participated significantly in the Pacific Offensive that began in late 1943 and ended with the defeat of Japan in 1945. Yorktown received the Presidential Unit Citation and earned 11 battle stars for service in World War II. Much of the Academy Award-winning (1944) documentary "The Fighting Lady" was filmed aboard Yorktown.

In the 1950's, Yorktown was modified with the addition of an angled deck to better operate jet aircraft in her role as an attack carrier (CVA). In 1958, Yorktown was designated an anti-submarine aircraft carrier (CVS), and would later earn 5 battle stars for service off Vietnam (1965-1968). The ship also recovered the Apollo 8 astronauts and capsule (December 1968). Yorktown was decommissioned in 1970 and placed in reserve.

1975, Yorktown was towed from Bayonne, NJ to Charleston to become the centerpiece of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 2011

19 **MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)

23 **SkyWarn Storm Spotter Training**

Johnson County Law Enforcement Center EOC 7 PM

Contact Johnson County EMA for detailsPH#: 317-736-9064

APRIL 2011

16 **MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

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MAY 2011

21 **MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

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2011 JUNE

18 **MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

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2011 Indiana Hamfests

March 5	Dugger Hamfest , Dugger Community Building, South Hicum Street (just off State Road 54) Dugger, IN 47848, http://www.kc9ak.org/hamfest.html
March 26	Columbus Hamfest Location: Bartholomew Co. Fairgrounds Columbus, IN Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club http://www.qsl.net/carc
April 16	North Central Indiana Hamfest , Miami County 4-H Fairground, Miami County Road 200 North & Mexico Road, Peru IN http://www.nci-hamfest.net/
June 11	South Bend Indiana Hamfest , Elks Club, 3535 E. McKinley Avenue, South Bend, IN http://www.w9ab.org/
July 9	Indianapolis Hamfest , Camp Sertoma, Indianapolis, http://www.indyhamfest.com
Nov. 19-20	Indiana State Convention, Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo , Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com



MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

WA9RDF

Repeater

146.835/

146.235 MHz

151.4 Hz PL

Tone

Weekly Net Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

Club Officers:

President: Steve Carmean - K9DY

Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT

Secretary: Robert Jones – KC9NJM

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